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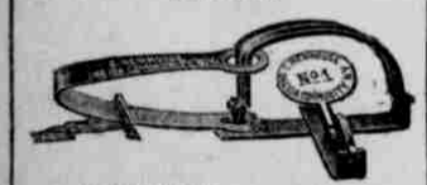
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**Wanamaker's
Beginning**

The number of men who fall
on account of lack of courage
is enormous. The number who
would refuse to let go of a dol-
lar if they knew positively that
it would bring back two is as-
tonishing. Such men merely ex-
ist. They don't live. They never
really amount to anything.

The men who win are the men
who think out the right course
to pursue and then back up their
convictions with their last penny
and their last ounce of energy.

The first goods John Wana-
maker ever sold brought him
\$5. He delivered his goods
in a wheelbarrow. He col-
lected the \$5 and went di-
rectly to a newspaper office
and plunked it down for ad-
vertising space.

Some men would have spent
\$1.50 for some cheap doggers and
"saved" the rest. They would
have been wheelbarrow mer-
chants today.—Shoe and Leather
Facts.

BETROTHED IN BANKRUPTCY

By C. B. Lewis

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After the death of her former hus-
band the widow Allen moved into the
village of Fergus. Her husband had
left her a snug property and a goodly
sum of life insurance, and at fifty years
she became a money lender.

She had no friends as a girl, she had
few as a wife, and as a widow and a
capitalist people did not speak in her
favor. She drove hard bargains and
had no pity. If her capital or interest
was not forthcoming on the day and
date she invoked the aid of the law
and accepted no excuses. She had al-
ways been a woman of stinging disposi-
tion, sure to avenge what she deemed a
slight, and when she came to know the
general opinion of the villagers she
ground her teeth together and made up
her mind to get even.

The village of Fergus boasted of only
three general stores. That was more
than was needed to supply the wants
of the people. There would not have
been a fourth had not one of the mer-
chants had a business transaction with
the widow Allen and been obliged to
go to law over it. She was beaten in
the suit, and to get even she planned to
start another store. Not being an
educated woman and afraid to try the
idea by herself, she lent a sum of money
to young George French, who had for
several years been a clerk in the store
of the merchant she wished particularly
to ruin. He was bound hard and fast.
The widow wanted revenge, but she
didn't propose to lose any money over it.
She was near fifty years old and the
new merchant not yet twenty-six, but
she let it be known that when a mar-
riage took place between them the firm
name of "George French & Co." might
be shortened to "George French."

There was a rush of customers to the
new store. To keep expenses down
and make an innovation young French
employed a girl bookkeeper and an-
other girl as clerk.

As the widow insisted on his board-
ing with her so that they could talk
business and be under her watch, she
did not become jealous for a time.
The day came, however, when she an-
nounced that he must get rid of both
girls and replace them with men.

He refused to heed her in this, point-
ing out the saving and other good re-
asons. One of the reasons that he did
not give was that he admired the
fatherless girl, Jennie Warder, the
bookkeeper, who was supporting a wid-
owed mother by her efforts, and to
whom he had been attracted from the
first day. His admiration must have
been patent to her in a hundred ways,
and yet he had spoken no word. The
new store was an experiment; if it was
a success he might avow himself. If a
failure he would have no right to ask
her to share his lot.

The widow Allen concealed her cha-
grin and did not press her point. The
young merchant was bustling and mak-
ing things glossy for her victim. At
the proper time he would offer an alter-
native.

Nine months of liberal advertising,
low prices and attention to business on
the part of the new storekeeper
brought bankruptcy to two of the other
merchants, but they brought no such
profits to French as he had hoped for.
He had bound himself to sell at certain
prices and he dared not depart from
them. He had bound himself to repay
a certain amount of the capital invest-
ed at the end of the first twelve
months, and figure as he would he
could not see his way clear to do so.
The widow was waiting for him to
speak, and then she laughed and hinted
at matrimony. When her hints were
turned aside she said quietly:

"At the end of the year you must pay
me as agreed. If not the law will put
me in possession and you will be out of
employment."

"But you are not pressed for money.
You can give me time," he protested.
"I have worked like a slave to make
the store a success. I put in a thou-
sand dollars of my own money. You
would not drive me into bankruptcy?"

"If we are not married on the day
your notes are due I shall demand my
money. If you go into bankruptcy I
shall buy in the stock and put some
one else in your place."

Her declaration lost her her boarder,
but when he walked out of the house
he knew that he was ruined in busi-
ness. He could not pay her the half
of what he owed her, and a call at the
lawyer's brought him no comfort. She
had spoken of marriage, but he turned
away in disgust at the thought. She
had said she would ruin him, and she
was a woman to keep her word.

There is always a way out for the
merchant who finds bankruptcy star-
ling him in the face, and few take it
who cannot excuse themselves to their
own consciences. The merchant went
over the ground time and time again,
but he always came back to the one
thing. If his store was burned out be-
fore the year was up the insurance
money would pay the widow Allen
and leave him something to start
anew. Men recoil from this idea at
first, but if the situation is pressing
a large proportion grasp it in the end.

Young French looked around his
store and saw the favorable situation
of things. All he need do was to leave
a lighted candle among the litter un-
der the stairway when he went home
at night. By midnight or an hour later
the whole building would be in flames,
with no possibility of anything being
saved. The widow Allen alone might

suspect him, but she would have no
proofs.

The merchant debated the idea with
himself for two weeks before he adopt-
ed it. In the store he gave no sign
that he was troubled, but the book-
keeper was not deceived. She knew
what the profits were, and she knew
who had a clutch on him. She even
interpreted the glances he cast around
the store, and when she saw him add-
ing to the litter in the closet she could
have told him his purpose.

One windy, rainy night, when there
was excuse for shutting up early, and
when only thirty days remained be-
tween French and business ruin, he
made a pretext to be the last one out
and the candle was placed and lighted.
The young merchant went to his board-
ing house and to his room, and all he
had to do was wait.

The wind rose and the rain fell more
heavily, and he was rejoiced at the
thought that none of the villagers
would be on the street in such a storm.
Between midnight and 1 o'clock the
flames would start. When the alarm
was given people could only turn out
and look on with folded arms. French
went to bed at the usual hour. He
left nothing to chance. He lay there
hour after hour thinking, scheming and
planning. It was close upon midnight
when his other self came to the rescue.
The two personalities debated and ar-
gued and fought. The one self con-
tended and the other protested.

After a quarter of an hour the mer-
chant arose and hurriedly began to
dress. He was pale faced and trem-
bling and frightened. He felt himself
a criminal and branded before the
world. Bankruptcy might come, he
might be forced to menial employ-
ment, the widow Allen might triumph
and he might lose the one he had
learned to love, but he would save the
store.

The wind was blowing a gale and
the rain coming in sheets when he
stepped from the door and ran through
the mud and storm to the store. Not
even a dog was in sight. As he ran he
prayed that he might not be too late.
With shaking hands he inserted the key
in the door and pushed it open. There
was no smell of smoke. Striking a
match, he made his way to the closet.
The candle had been blown out hours
ago. It had not burned half an inch.
With a new fear at his heart the man
turned away and lighted a lamp and
leaned on the counter to think. He
heard the rustle of garments and light
footsteps, and Miss Warder came out
of the darkness and stood before him
and said:

"Mr. French, I blew the candle out
a long, long time ago."

"You—you found and blew it out!"
he gasped.

"Yes, and I have been waiting for
you to come."

"I was going to burn the store for
the insurance," he said, after a long
silence.

"Yes."

"To pay the notes due that woman
in thirty days and save myself from
bankruptcy."

"I know."

"But I couldn't do it. I thought I
could—I meant to—but I came here to
blow out the candle and save the store.
I am a ruined man, but I am not a
criminal except in intent."

"I knew you would come," said the
girl, with tears in her voice. "It is
hard to face ruin, but it is harder to
face conscience. Yesterday a lawyer
came to see mother. He told her
she was one of the heirs to a large es-
tate. He brought papers for her to
sign, and within a month she will have
\$20,000."

"Well?" queried French, as he wiped
his brow and looked around the store.

"I thought—thought—"

"You want to give me notice and
leave your place at the end of the
week. You will go, of course, but I
hope you will remember that I came
back to save the store. I wanted the
insurance money, but my conscience
wouldn't let me be a criminal."

"I thought that if you wanted to take
in a partner—"

"But where can I find one?"

"If you—you wanted to take in a
partner and pay up the notes and be
clear of that woman mother would
give me the money, and—"

He saw her to her home through the
storm and darkness, and he did not
realize that the wind blew or the rain
fell or that he had to pick his steps.
He realized only that he held her hand
and that he had been saved from his
other self. His sign reads "George
French," but there is a silent partner
with him and behind him and daily
adding to his happiness.

Rachel as Phedre.

So I saw Rachel. It was one of the
most overpowering impressions of my
life. The play was Racine's "Phedre."
When Rachel stepped upon the scene,
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but with a dignity and majestic grace
all her own, there was first a spell of
intense astonishment and then a burst
of applause. She stood still for a mo-
ment, in the folds of her classic robe
an antique statue fresh from the hand
of Phidias. The mere sight sent a
thrill through the audience; her face
a long oval, her forehead, shadowed by
black wavy hair, not high, but broad
and strong; under her dark arched eye-
brows a pair of wondrous eyes that
glowed and blazed in their deep sock-
ets like two black suns; a finely chis-
eled nose, with open, quivering nostrils;
above an energetic chin a mouth severe
in its lines, with slightly lowered cor-
ners, such as we may imagine the
mouth of the tragic muse; her stature,
sometimes seeming tall, sometimes lit-
tle, very slender, but the attitude be-
traying elastic strength; a hand with
fine tapering fingers of rare beauty;
the whole apparition exciting in the be-
holder a sensation of astonishment and
intense expectancy.—Carl Schurz in
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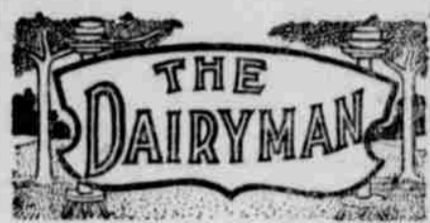
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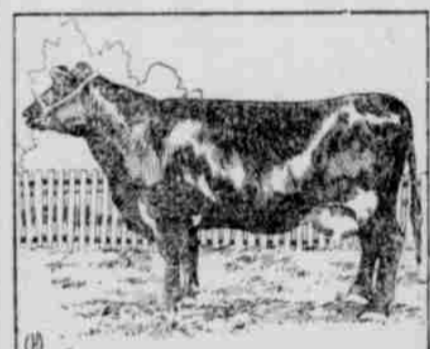
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A Sacramento county dairyman has
a cow that he has a right to be en-
thusiastic over. This cow has a gross daily
earning capacity exceeding that of
the average man. We are told in the
census reports that the average daily
wage paid to men for their labor is a
little over \$2. Well, this cow, a pure
bred Holstein-Friesian, has produced
milk for her owner worth as high as
\$3.80 a day and for several months she
goes right on making over \$3 worth of
milk a day, which she sells at retail at
the usual price of 8 cents a quart. Of
course the feed and care must be
charged against this, but you can't
very well conceive of a cow earning \$3
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or one-third of that amount, so there is
a big bargain left for the owner. She
is six years old and has never been dry
since her first calf. This cow is not
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a working herd whose owner made up
his mind that the kind of a cow to
make the most money from is the best
producer you can possibly get. He got
this idea long enough ago, so that by
the present time the herd consists of
several hundred pure bred and high
grade Holstein-Friesians and many
there are in the herd the daily value of
whose milk exceeds the earnings of the
average man.—Pacific Dairy Review.

A Shorthorn's Fine Record.
The Shorthorn cow Florence Aldrie
VI., owned by the Nebraska experi-
ment station, has just completed a
milk and butter record which is a lead-



HIGH TESTING DAIRY SHORTHORN.
[Florence Aldrie VI., property of the
Nebraska experiment station.]

er for cows of this breed, according to
Professor A. L. Haeccker, who gives
the following account of it in Breeder's
Gazette:

She produced between April 7, 1905,
and April 7, 1906, 10,487 pounds of
milk, 413.01 pounds of butter fat and
481.84 pounds of butter. Her average
test was 3.94, and she was with calf
during the last six months of her lacta-
tion.

Florence was purchased from Wil-
Ham Ernst, Johnson county, Neb., April
20, 1903, and from that date to the pres-
ent her milk and butter record is as
follows:

	Milk.	fat.	Butter.
1903	7,537.5	358.31	418.36
1904	7,112.5	314.63	385.79
1905	10,837.0	413.91	491.69
Total for three years	25,487.0	1,086.85	1,295.84
Avg for three years	8,495.6	362.28	431.95

Florence was calved June 20, 1908,
being now about eight years old and
in her prime. If she retains her normal
condition she will no doubt produce a
still larger record next year. During
the three years she has dropped three
bull calves and is due to freshen again
in July of this year.

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